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1. On 25 October 1950 the Chinese Communist LST SHUN FENG* left Whampoa for Indochina loaded with ten radio sets, ten cases of medicines, and large amounts of machine gun parts, rifle ammunition and ammunition for 60 mm (sic) anti-tank guns.
2. On 13 November 1950, 200 boxes of weapons and ammunition were sent by the Chinese Communists from the Wanshan Islands to the Viet Minh troops in Indochina, by a small unidentified steamship.
3. On 10 November 1950, 20 Chinese Communist motored junks loaded with ammunition and other military supplies arrived at Whampoa; they left on the evening of 11 November, and headed south. The Chinese Communist naval vessels HAI JUNG (海榮), HAI P'ING (海平), HAI HUA (海華) and HAI YUNG (海永), which arrived at Whampoa on 11 November, also headed south when they departed on the morning of 13 November. It was rumored in the Whampoa area that these junks and naval vessels were to occupy the Paracel Islands.
4. Between 1 and 12 November 1950 large quantities of military supplies and machinery were shipped north from the Huangsha (黃沙) Railroad Station, Canton. On 7 and 8 November a total of six train loads of military supplies went north from the Huangsha Station. **
5. On 3 November 1950 the Canton-Hankow Railroad Bureau announced that northbound commercial freight service on the Canton-Hankow and Canton-Sunshui Railroads would be reduced to one trip each two days.

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6. Between 6 and 15 November 1950 the Chinese Communists were employing the steamships LIN SEN (林森) and TENG YU*** in a shuttle service from Hainan to Leichou Peninsula, carrying from Hainan weapons and ammunition as well as scrap iron and other materials used in the production of war materiel. This cargo was sent overland from Leichou to the Canton area.

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* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] reported that the SHUN FENG, described as a "torpedo boat" but possibly the vessel in question here, had been sold to Ho Chi Minh in February 1949.

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** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] reported that all military supplies left in Canton by the 4 Field Army were to be moved to Hankow before 15 November 1950.

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